

Postcards from the Trafalgar Way

Schools are invited to enter pupil artwork in a national Art & Photography competition for ages 7 to adult

Information for teachers

The Trafalgar Way story unlocks a world of local history and geography learning. For schools in the eight counties of The Trafalgar Way (Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Surrey, East Berkshire and Greater London) this means learning about events which happened on your doorstep over 200 years ago. This competition uses art and photography as a medium to encourage children to open their eyes and look at the scenes around them in context. Help them spot the visual clues of yesterday and take note of the things which give your local environment its identity today. Schools from anywhere in the UK can enter this competition: some creativity and research may be called for - paintings and digital images created from Scotland and Northern Ireland which *imagine* a scene are just as welcome as photographic art and open-air sketches done on location along [The Trafalgar Way](https://www.thetrafalgarway.org).

We have included a single page briefing sheet (see end) for pupils about The Trafalgar Way story and the competition. Please also see the attached poster, leaflet and visit the website www.thetrafalgarway.org for more information.

All entries for ages 7 to 16 are completely FREE.

Competition deadline is midnight on 16th April 2021.

We are basing eligibility for age categories on entrants' age on 1st September 2020. Pupils aged 7 to 11 on the 1st September 2020 may enter the competition as individuals (with parental consent) and nominate their school for a schools prize, OR you may submit entries on your students' behalf. If you enter a child who is subsequently found to belong in the 12 to 16 category, their entry will be moved into the individual category for ages 12 to 16 and they will unfortunately not be eligible for a schools prize.

The schools prize is suitable for Key Stage 2 and Years 7 or 8 students who were still aged 11 on 1st September 2020. For schools and colleges with older pupils, please encourage them to take part and enter as individuals in the *Age 12 to 16* and *Age 17 and above* categories.

We've lots more free information available to teachers and home-schoolers. Please see our [education resources section](#) for our wonderful FREE downloadable information packs and workshops.

How to enter one or more pupil entries

- Schools anywhere in the UK are eligible to take part.
- The staff member should register at <https://thetrafalgarway.awardsplatform.com/>
- There is no limit on number of student entries per staff member, and entries are FREE!
- Each entry will be considered *both* for the individual child awards *and* for a special schools prize.
- For each entry, please select 'SCHOOLS 7 to 11 ART'.
- Instead of an image title, we have asked for your student's name for each entry to identify it. If you prefer to keep this anonymous then please use an identifier of your choosing instead but please keep records to remember which child has submitted which image.
- Your entries should be supplied as follows:
 1. All entries are to be submitted digitally. For digital art this means the file itself. For the Art category this means a digital file (for digital art pieces) or a good quality photograph of the artwork for a drawn, printed or painted piece. **Do not send in original artwork!**
 2. Original designs for the art category may be 2D 'physical' art (paint, sketch, pastels, collage etc) or digital in composition, or a combination of both! This may include composite pieces which include, or are created from photographs.
 3. If the entry includes physical artwork, take a good quality photograph of the original piece to submit. **Do not submit your original painting or drawing at this time.**
 4. Original artwork may measure anything from A6 to A1 in size. Maximum dimensions are 841mm x 594mm.
 5. Upload JPEG, PNG or PDF files.
 6. You may submit only one image per entry. If you have variants on the same image you wish the judges to consider then you will need to submit them as separate entries to the competition.
 7. A maximum file size of 20MB has been set per attachment. If you need to submit a larger file, please contact us to discuss this, sending an email to info@thetrafalgarway.org.
- **Please carefully retain all original artwork in its raw format.** If an entry is shortlisted for an award, we may ask you to deliver this to us. If the entry is successful, we will want to display the *original artwork* in our Awards Exhibition.
- The same conditions apply for school entries as for individual age 7 to 11 entries, except that we will not ask for parental consent to entry, until the shortlist has been selected for this category. We will then require parental consent so that we can name the child and their school if they are chosen as the winner. We will

contact the teachers/school contact in each case to ask for their help in facilitating this consent.

- **Important!** It is up to the staff member submitting the entries to confirm that each pupil and their entry is eligible according to the category criteria. Work must be the pupil's own. Please be very careful about potential copyright infringements, personal privacy, and read [our full Ts and Cs](#).

Schools prizes

The winning entry and runner-up for a Schools Entry piece will win a special bundle of prizes aimed at schools.

One lucky school will be selected over all from the best schools' submissions. They will win the following:

- £250 and a Treasure Trails voucher worth £9.99 for the winning child (unless they are already an individual category winner or runner-up nominating a school).
- A [Wooden World](#) day workshop for the winning class.
- A framed copy of the winning entry, a Trafalgar Way certificate and a framed storymap poster depicting The Trafalgar Way Story in colour
- A complete Key Stage 2 Geography maps pack from Francis Frith (normally £99).

The runner-up school will be awarded:

- £25 and a Treasure Trails voucher worth £9.99 for the winning child (unless they are already an individual category winner or runner-up nominating a school).
- A framed copy of the winning entry, a Trafalgar Way certificate and a framed storymap poster depicting The Trafalgar Way Story in colour
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For students entering as individuals in the age 12-16 category, there are separate prizes of £500 for the best PHOTOGRAPH and the best ARTWORK.

Still have a question?

Please first take a look at our [Competition Guideines and FAQ](#). If that doesn't answer your question, please get in touch with info@thetrafalgarway.org and we'll be glad to advise!

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Information for students

What is The Trafalgar Way?

In 1805, Britain won an important battle at sea against the forces of Napoleon Bonaparte the French Emperor. In this famous battle, Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson, one of our great naval heroes, was killed. You may have visited his ship, HMS Victory in Portsmouth, or seen his statue in Trafalgar Square in London? In the days that followed, news had to be sent back to London of the great victory against the French and Spanish fleets, and of the loss of Lord Nelson.

The man selected for this important mission was the captain of HMS Pickle, the smallest, fastest ship in Nelson's fleet. His name was Lieutenant Lapenotiere. He sailed for England in stormy seas and arrived nine days later in Falmouth, Cornwall. He then came ashore and took an express coach – a 'post-chaise-and-four' to London, a journey of 271 miles across 8 counties. Since horses can only travel 10 to 15 miles at speed, the messenger was forced to change carriages 21 times, but he still managed to cover the entire distance in under 38 hours.

Today, his route from Falmouth to London is known as The Trafalgar Way. It is marked with 39 bronze plaques along its length, to help us remember the man, his journey, the battle and all those who fought in it—on both sides.

We would like you to create a painting, sketch or digital image of a place or scene along The Trafalgar Way to help us celebrate his journey. There are prizes of £250 and lots more smaller prizes for the winning image, plus prizes for your school too.

How to take part

- Study a map of The Trafalgar Way online at www.thetrafalgarway.org.
- Read more about the Trafalgar messenger and the race to deliver the news.
- If you are close to the route, see if you can visit one of the places along it for inspiration. Can you find a Trafalgar Way plaque? Look for buildings and details which may have been the same 200 years ago. Can you imagine Lapenotiere riding through in his carriage, tired, but excited, as he raced for London?
- If you are too far away, read about places along the route and the story itself for ideas for your picture. We are looking for any scenes which give an idea of the landscapes and sights along the way.
- Ask a parent or teacher to help you submit your image(s). You can enter more than one, and every entry is free for under-17-year-olds.

Happy exploring, happy creating, and GOOD LUCK!